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IN THE APPLICATION OF:

Thompson et al.

Serial No. 10/715,285

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Stranded Nucleic Acid Molecules

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) Examiner: Zara, Jane J
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) Group Art Unit: 1635
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

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 - b) Petition for Extension of Time; and
 - c) Return postcard.
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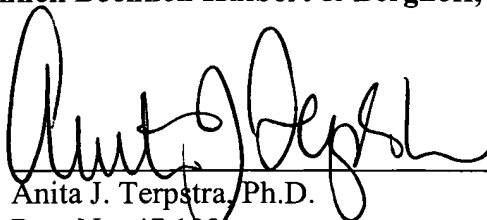
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Respectfully submitted,

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